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RE HB 5036 and SB 126 An Act Concerning Childrens Exposure to Chemicals

Let me explain why we support this Bill HB 506 and SB 126. . Since 1992 ECHO has supported legislation to protect the health of all Connecticut's citizens from exposure to toxic chemicals in the environment. ECHO is a statewide nonprofit advocacy, support, education and referral organization for people disabled with Multiple Chemical Syndrome (MCS) and others who care about its prevention. Founded in 1992, ECHO is one of the first organizations in Connecticut linking environmental issues and public health. Over the past twenty-two years, ECHO has worked with state agencies providing them with information on the needs of citizens disabled with MCS.

As you may know, MCS is caused by repeated low level exposures to toxic chemicals, or it can be caused by a single exposure to one chemical. It is a chronic condition usually involving the central nervous system and other organ systems of the body. Symptoms of MCS include chronic fatigue, muscle and joint pain, rashes, asthma, short-term memory loss and lack of concentration, digestive and neurological problems.

Children are our future and we need to protect them from toxic chemicals. We need to ensure their health and safety and prevent them from getting MCS, cancer, Leukemias, developmental disabilities, respiratory, neurological illnesses etc. associated with toxic chemicals. ECHO therefore supports Bills HB 506 and SB 126.

leas get in touch with me at 860-828-4200 if you have further questions and would like additional information about Multiple Chemical Syndrome.

Sincerely

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